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TO AMEMBASSY KABUL

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EMBASSY KABUL ANALYTICAL REPORTING

REF: 76 KABUL 9378, KABUL 0468, KABUL 0503, KABUL
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1. YOU AND YOUR MISSION ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR THE TRULY
PRODIGIOUS RECENT ANALYTICAL REPORTING CONCERNING CONTIN-
GENCY PLANNING FOR POLITICAL SUCCESSION, THE ANNUAL POLICY
ASSESSMENT, THE YEAR-END ASSESSMENT OF INTERNAL DEVELOP-
MENTS, AND THE COMPANION DOCUMENT ON AFGHANISTAN'S EXTER-
NAL RELATIONS DURING THE SAME PERIOD. ALL FOUR TELEGRAMS
REFLECT THE VERY HIGH STANDARDS WE HAVE COME TO EXPECT FROM
EMBASSY KABUL UNDER YOUR STEWARDSHIP.

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2. WE HAVE RECEIVED UNSOLICITED PRAISE FROM A NUMBER OF
BUREAUS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS FROM OTHER MEMBERS
OF THE WASHINGTON FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMUNITY, ON THIS
SERIES.
3. I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE, MOREOVER, MY PLEASURE OVER YOUR

JUDGMENT THAT OUR GOALS, PRIORITIES, AND RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS FOR AFGHANISTAN ARE RELATIVELY ACCURATELY ON TARGET. ESPECIALLY DURING THE PAST YEAR, WE HAVE MADE A PARTICULAR

AND CONCERTED EFFORT TO REFINE OUR PROGRAMS TO ADAPT TO THE CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES IN AFGHANISTAN AND IN US/AFGHAN RELATIONS. I AM GLAD THAT THESE EFFORTS APPEAR TO HAVE BORNE FRUIT.

4. PLEASE PASS MY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF WHO PARTICIPATED IN DRAFTING THE REFERENCED MESSAGES. THEY ARE A CREDIT TO THE SERVICE. ADDITIONALLY, I THINK, CONSIDERABLE PRAISE MUST GO TO YOUR C AND R UNIT FOR THE ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF WORK THEY ACCOMPLISHED IN PROCESSING THESE MESSAGES.

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